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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A flotation device for supporting a person in a body of water comprising:
2 an enclosure of generally rectangular planar shape and having a density less than that of water, the
3 enclosure comprising a plurality of elongated buoyant support members interconnected to define a front
4 section, a rear section, and first and second opposite side sections, wherein the front, rear, and side
5 sections define an internal space dimensioned and configured to surround a person;
6 elbow-shaped connectors, T-shaped connectors, and saddle fittings respectively disposed between
7 the plurality of elongated buoyant support members for interconnecting said members; and
8 a plurality of flotation members, each flotation member having a density less than that of water and
9 a generally elongated shape, the flotation members being fitted to the front, rear, and side sections of the
10 enclosure.

1 Claim 2. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flotation members each
2 comprise an individual cylinder of flotation material with a hollow bore, for wrapping the cylinder around
3 its buoyant support members.

1 Claim 3. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of flotation members are each
2 made of urethane closed cell foam.

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1 Claim 4. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members each
2 have a hollow bore at least partly filled with urethane closed cell foam.

1 Claim 5. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members each
2 have a hollow bore filled with air.

1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members are
2 hollow PVC tubes at least partly filled with urethane closed cell foam.

1 Claim 7. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of buoyant support members are
2 hollow PVC tubes filled with air.

1 Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein two oppositely disposed handles
2 extend vertically from the side ~~members~~ sections, said handles being wrapped with hand-grips. [[:]]

3 Claim 9. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the front section is a removable crossbar
4 secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the
5 opposing side sections.

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1 Claim 10. (Original) The flotation device of claim 1, wherein the front section is a stationary crossbar
2 rigidly secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the
3 opposing side sections.

Claim 11. (Canceled)

1 Claim 12. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ flotation device of claim 1, wherein for supporting a person in a
2 body of water comprising:

3 an enclosure of generally rectangular planar shape and having a density less than that of water, the
4 enclosure comprising a plurality of elongated buoyant support members interconnected to define a front
5 section, a rear section, and first and second opposite side sections, wherein the front, rear, and side
6 sections define an internal space dimensioned and configured to surround a person;

7 a plurality of flotation members, each flotation member having a density less than that of water and
8 a generally elongated shape, the flotation members being fitted to the front, rear, and side sections of the
9 enclosure; and

10 an elongate member ~~extends~~ extending perpendicularly from the rear section of said enclosure and
11 generally planar to said enclosure, said elongate member fitted with a flotation member.

Claim 13. (Original) The flotation device of claim 12, wherein said elongate member is PVC tubing.

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1 Claim 14. (*Currently Amended*) A flotation device for supporting a person in a body of water comprising:
2 an enclosure of generally rectangular planar shape and a density less than that of water, the
3 enclosure comprising a plurality of PVC tube members interconnected to form a front section, a rear
4 section, and first and second opposite side sections, wherein the front, rear, and side sections define an
5 internal space adapted to surround a person; ~~and~~
6 a plurality of flotation members, each flotation member having a density less than that of water, a
7 generally elongated shape, the flotation members fitted to the front, rear, and side sections of the enclosure;
8 and
9 an elongate member extending perpendicularly from the rear section of said enclosure and generally
10 planar to said enclosure, said elongate member fitted with a flotation member.

1 Claim 15. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 14, wherein two oppositely disposed handles extend
2 vertically from the side ~~members~~ sections, said handles being wrapped with hand-grips.[::]

1 Claim 16. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the front section is a removable crossbar
2 secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the
3 opposing side sections.

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1 Claim 17. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the front section is a stationary crossbar
2 rigidly secured to the opposing side sections, and disposed intermediate of said handles and the ends of the
3 opposing side sections.

1 Claim 18. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of flotation members are made
2 of urethane closed cell foam.

1 Claim 19. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of PVC tube members each
2 have a hollow bore at least partly filled with urethane closed cell foam.

1 Claim 20. (*Original*) The flotation device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of PVC tube members each
2 have a hollow bore filled with air.